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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HUFFER ET AL.

Examiner

Michael C. Miggins

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

REJECTIONS WITHDRAWN

1. There are no rejections withdrawn.

REJECTIONS REPEATED

2. All of the 35 USC 103(a) rejections set forth in the non-final rejection of 1/31/05, pages 2-4, paragraphs 6-8 are repeated for the reasons of record. All of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections set forth in the non-final rejection of 1/31/05, pages 4-6, paragraphs 9-11 are repeated for the reasons of record.

NEW REJECTIONS

3. There are no new rejections.

ANSWERS TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS

4. Applicant's arguments filed in the response of 5/4/05 have been carefully considered but are deemed unpersuasive.

Applicant has argued that Wilke does not disclose a cold-seal cohesive coating which is coated on the substrate but rather Wilke teaches a cold-seal receptive layer which is bonded to the substrate and the cold seal cohesive is then applied to the substrate. Applicant's arguments have some merit, however, Pike teaches cold-seal cohesive coating which is coated on a substrate (column 2, lines 39-52 and column 3,

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lines 4-31). Therefore, the combined teachings of Wilke, Curatolo and Pike read on the limitation as written.

Applicant has argued that Wilke does not disclose reacted-in slip agents. However, no definition of the term "reacted-in" is recited in the claims. Furthermore applicant's specification (see page 7) describes the "reacted-in" additives as being fixed in place after a cross-linking procedure. There is no mention in the specification of the reacted-in slip agents becoming cross linked and polymerized themselves as is argued by applicant. Therefore, the broadest reasonable interpretation of the term "reacted-in" based upon applicant's specification is that any non-migratory, i.e. fixed, slip agent reads on applicant's "reacted-in" slip agent since a non-migratory slip agent is fixed by the fact that it is non-migratory. Since Wilkie discloses a non-migratory slip agent (column 5, lines 35-52), Wilkie reads on applicant's reacted-in slip agent.

Applicant has argued that there is no teaching or disclosure in Wilkie to include an energy-cured coating of Curatolo onto the package of Wilkie. However, the motivation to combine the references is found in Curatolo which provides a printable film and a film which is environmentally friendly. Furthermore, the limitation energy-cured is a method limitation which is not germane to the patentability of a product claim since the limitation energy-cured does not further structurally limit the product claim. Thus, the references need not directly disclose the limitation energy-cured to read on applicant's claims as written (MPEP 2113).

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by

combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the motivation to combine the references is found in Curatolo which provides a printable film and a film which is environmentally friendly.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

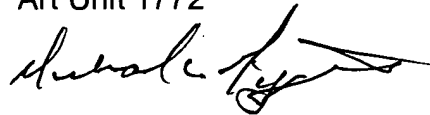
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Miggins whose telephone number is 571-272-1494. The examiner can normally be reached on 1:00-10:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Y. Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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